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Lincoln delegation withdrew their amendment to include Lincoln in this bill, so that we can attack these issues where they are. I support district elections in schools which would include the Grand Island schools. Whether this includes all the class 3's or not, I do not know. At least now we're not tilting at windmills, as Savage and Syas would do. Goodrich has come right straight forward to fight the issue. The issue is to kill the opportunity for the people in Omaha to have representation by districts on the Omaha School Board. I certainly oppose the Goodrich amendment . . . correction, the Goodrich kill motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I'm not doing this to cut off debate. It can be voted down if you all feel that there is somethings that need to be said which have not been said. I do move the previous question.

PRESIDENT: Are there five seconds? The question is, shall debate cease. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 5 nays, 17 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The debate shall cease. Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich for purpose of closing argument.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Kelly indicates that we're talking about district elections for schools. We are talking about district elections for the schools in one district only, Omaha. I don't feel that it's right to pick one particular district and say that you shall go back roughly 70 years and do your elections of school board members like you did 60 or 70 years ago. I can see no merit to this body making that determination when it could be made locally in the Omaha district. For that reason, I urge you to vote to kill this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall LB 423 be indefinitely postponed. Record your vote. Have you voted? Have you voted? Please vote. Record.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 23 nays, 7 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I move that LB 423 be advanced.

PRESIDENT: This is ordinarily a voice vote, Senator Chambers. It will probably be challenged if I call for a voice vote, so I think I'll call for a record vote on it, or a machine vote. Question is, shall the bill be advanced. Record your vote. Please vote. We're going to go under Call again. Please vote. Record. Senator Chambers.